

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the following amended paragraphs for the pending paragraphs 0012-0014:

[0012] Figure 2 is an elevational view of a sticker applicator that can be used with the basic hardware shown in Figure 1. As can be seen, downstream of crease rolls 10, 12 along a basic process direction (indicated as P) of the finisher module is what can be called a roller pair 20, 22, together forming what can be called a main nip 24. In this embodiment, the rollers 20, 22 are selectably controllable (through a control system and motors, not shown) to direct a sheet S disposed in main nip 24 either in the process direction, direction P (i.e., toward the output tray, or to the right in the Figure) or, as needed, in a reverse direction opposite the process direction, direction P (i.e., toward the crease nip 16, or toward the left in the Figure). In this way, as part of a process, the rollers 20, 22 can “back up” a folded sheet or set of sheet some distance as needed at certain times.

[0013] In Figure 2, a sheet indicated as S, which in this view has emerged from folding through crease nip 16 and is disposed in main nip 24, can in practice be a single sheet, or set of sheets, which has been folded once or in a C- or Z-shape, or can be a multi-sheet, and possibly stapled, booklet. (In any case, for present purposes, a booklet or other folded set of sheets will include at least one sheet.) The trailing edge of such a sheet S along the process direction, direction P is “open,” or in other words, not a fold line, and therefore, once the sheet exits the system and is mailed, the sheet is liable to unfold. It is therefore desirable to place a sticker over the open, trailing edge of the sheet S, in effect to keep the sheet folded or the booklet closed.

[0014] Disposed between crease rolls 10, 12 and roller pair 20, 22 is what can generally be called a sticker applicator 30. The applicator 30 provides stickers (such as small pieces of paper or tape, having adhesive on one side thereof) and applies the stickers to the trailing edge (relative to process direction P) of a sheet S held in main nip 24.